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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES: MISSION COMMENT ON FINAL
DRAFT TOR FOR TASK FORCE ON REINFORCEMENT

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SUMMARY: THE REINFORCEMENT TOR ARE VERY GENERAL AND, IN OUR
VIEW, MAY NOT SUFFICIENTLY SPELL OUT SPECIFIC TASK FORCE
RESPONSIBILITIES VIS-A-VIS THOSE OF THE SCEPC, WHICH WILL
HAVE A LARGE INPUT OR PART TO PLAY IN THE REINFORCEMENT
TASK. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CEP DIRECTORATE IS
HAPPY WITH THE TOR, WE BELIEVE THE LATTER COULD BE MADE TO
REFLECT MORE PROMINENTLY THE NEED FOR AN INTEGRATED REIN-
FORCEMENT PROGRAM. SINCE THE EWG, AT ITS JULY 15 REIN-
FORCED MEETING, WILL ADDRESS TOR FOR NINE SEPARATE TASK
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FORCES, US OBJECTIVES FOR THE REINFORCEMENT TOR MUST NOT
BE FORMULATED IN ISOLATION FROM THE OTHER EIGHT, BUT SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL APPROACH THE
US INTENDS TO ADOPT FOR THAT MEETING. THUS, THIS TELEGRAM
SIMPLY FORWARDS OUR COMMENT AND IS NOT A REQUEST FOR
GUIDANCE. WE ARE DEVELOPING AN OVERVIEW MESSAGE THAT WILL
SYNTHESIZE OUR COMMENT, FORWARD OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE

APPROACH THE US SHOULD ADOPT FOR THE JULY 15 MEETING, AND
CONTAIN OUR FORMAL REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. AS NOTED IN THE TOR, THE REINFORCEMENT TASK FORCE
SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH, DEVELOP, AND REPORT ON THE
SPECIFIC ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ENSURE RAPID REINFORCEMENT
AND RESUPPLY OF NATO FROM THE US, CANADA AND THE UK. IN
ADDITION TO THIS GENERALIZED STATEMENT, WE BELIEVE THE TOR
COULD ALSO INCLUDE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO AN INTEGRATED
PROGRAM INVOLVING EUROPEAN RECEPTION (HOST NATION SUPPORT,
RECEPTION ASSETS, COMPATIBILITY WITH GOALS; ONWARD MOVE-
MENT CAPABILITIES; LOCS, INCLUDING COMMAND AND CONTROL,
TACTICAL/INTRA-THEATER AIRLIFT AND SURFACE TRANSPORTA-
TION). WE BELIEVE EXPLICIT MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF
SPECIFIC MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS DEPLOYED FORCES,
PREPOSITIONED STOCKS AND TRANSPORTATION ASSETS.

2. APROPOS OF THE FOREGOING, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE
PROVISION THAT "IDENTIFIED DEFICIENCIES" WHICH ARE
CIVILIAN IN NATURE BE PASSED TO THE SCEPC (PARA 4C) MAY
RESULT IN A LOSS OF CONTROL BY THE TASK GROUP. THE FOLLOW-
ING SUBSTITUTE WORDING MIGHT ALLEVIATE THIS DIFFICULTY:
"IN THOSE AREAS WHERE THE DEFICIENCIES LIE IN THE CIVILIAN
FIELD, THE TASK FORCE WILL DEVELOP DETAILED REQUIREMENTS
FOR REFERRAL TO THE SCEPC, WITH A REQUEST TO DEVELOP
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE CIVILIAN
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3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH WASHINGTON GUIDANCE FOR THE TOR
FORMAT (STATE 151934 DTG 292318Z JUN 77), IT WOULD BE
USEFUL IF THE STUDY COULD BE BROKEN DOWN INTO
NEAR-TO-MID-TERM (BY 1984) USING AS AN INITIAL GUIDE THE
TRI-MNC REINFORCEMENT STUDY, AND LONG-TERM (1984 AND
BEYOND). THIS COULD HELP IN ACHIEVING QUICK RESULTS ON
SOME HIGHER PRIORITY AREAS AND ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A LOGICAL TIME-PHASED PROGRAM.

4. SPECIFIC MENTION COULD BE MADE OF THE REQUIREMENT TO
COORDINATE WITH OTHER TASK FORCES, PARTICULARLY THOSE
AFFECTING REINFORCEMENT (MARITIME, READINESS, CONSUMER
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